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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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### **TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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### **RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Document A1 discloses a method of changing the timing of applying a biasing voltage before and after a printing operation.

An English translation of document A1 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for document A1.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,



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	A1	5-346712	12-27-1993	Japan			Abstract

**OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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